

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: **NAKAMURA, Yasuaki**

Application No.: 10/594,178

National Phase of PCT/US05/005310

Filing Date: 11/03/08

Title: **Flow rate regulation filter, and fuel container  
for fuel cell**

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

Attorney Docket No. 06-08-3109

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF  
DEFECTIVE RESPONSE DATED 02/05/2009**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application and claims as follows and consider the following remarks. No new matter has been introduced.

**This preliminary amendment removes multiple dependent claims and is therefore also being submitted in response to the Notification of Defective Response dated 02/05/2009 for additional claim fees of \$390 for the multiple dependent claim surcharge.**